

Essential Word Sorts

CC1.1: Know and apply Grade level phonics and word analysis skills in decoding words.

CC1.2: Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown words and multiple meaning words and phrases based on grade level

Essential Word Sorts are hands-on ,versatile, activities that can be used to teach reading and spelling. Sorts can provide a solid foundation for understanding and spelling new words, increase reading fluency, and increase vocabularies. Sorts can include words from Tier 1 , Tier 2, and Tier 3 vocabulary lists.

Procedure: The sorts are organized in a developmental sequence to help teach scope and sequence in phonic development and vocabulary acquisition. Teachers choose a set of categories for sorting. The pages should be run off and cut up a head of time. Students are shown how words are to be sorted on sorting mats. Students sort words in groups, partners, or individually.

Reinforcement Activities : Students can choose five words from a sort, write them in a sentence and illustrate the sentence.

Students can also use Student Word Study Books. There are many games that students can play with the Word Sorts.